

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

On page 1, insert above line 1, insert--Priority Claim

The present application claims priority on European Patent Application
022539126.1 filed 5 June 2002.--

On page 1, after the priority claimed, insert--Field of the Invention--

On page 1, above line 4, insert--Background of the Invention--

Paragraph at line 9 of page 1 has been amended as follows:

-- ~~US-A-4,046,829~~ US Pat No. 4,046,829 discloses a method for producing hydrocarbons from coal using an iron based Fischer-Tropsch catalyst. Coal is gasified and synthesis gas formed is gas scrubbed and subsequently subjected to partial oxidation with oxygen. After the Fischer-Tropsch conversion of synthesis gas low hydrocarbons are separated, recycled and after carbon dioxide removal mixed with synthesis gas prior to the partial oxidation.--

Paragraph at line 17 of page 1 has been amended as follows:

-- ~~US-A-4,433,065~~ US Pat No. 4,433,065 discloses a process for producing hydrocarbons from coal using a cobalt based Fischer-Tropsch catalyst. After removal of liquid hydrocarbons the gas phase is subject to carbon dioxide removal. After separation a hydrogen comprising stream is recycled to the partial oxidation process, a light hydrocarbons comprising stream is recycled to the coal gasification process, and a carbon monoxide comprising stream is subjected to combustion for electricity generation.--

Paragraph at line 26 of page 1, ending at line ^{of page 2} 4, has been amended as follows: SB 5-11-07

--~~US-A-5,324,335~~ US Pat No. 5,324,335 discloses a process for producing hydrocarbons using an iron-based Fischer-Tropsch catalyst in which hydrocarbon containing gas is subjected to steam reforming for producing synthesis gas. After carbon dioxide removal the synthesis gas is subjected to the Fischer-Tropsch conversion. Light hydrocarbons are separated, recycled and mixed with the synthesis gas.--